

What is claimed is:

1. A jig for holding a container having a retaining element, the jig comprising;  
a support portion configured to receive and vertically support the container thereon, the support portion having at least one retaining portion, wherein the retaining portion is configured to non-rotationally lock with the retaining element of the container so as to substantially prevent relative rotation between the jig and container.
2. A jig as in claim 1, wherein the jig is in the form of a generally flat plate.
3. A jig as in claim 1, further comprising a generally annular side wall extending upwardly from the support portion.
4. A jig as in claim 1, wherein the support portion includes a support surface configured to abut a bottom portion of the container, thereby vertically supporting the container.
5. A jig as in claim 1, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a generally downwardly extending recess formed within the support portion.
6. A jig as in claim 5, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a plurality of generally downwardly extending recesses formed within the support portion.
7. A jig as in claim 1, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a generally upwardly extending protrusion formed on the support portion.

8. A jig as in claim 7, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a plurality of generally upwardly extending protrusions formed on the support portion.

9. A jig as in claim 1, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a textured surface formed on the support portion.

10. A jig as in claim 9, wherein the textured surface is formed on the support surface.

11. A container made using a jig according to claim 1.

12. A sealing apparatus for sealing a container having a retaining element, the apparatus comprising:

a fixture having a jig thereon;

a pressing structure, wherein

at least one of the fixture and pressing structure are movable with respect to the other in the vertical direction, and

wherein the jig includes a support portion configured to receive and vertically support the container thereon, the support portion having at least one retaining portion, wherein the retaining portion is configured to non-rotationally lock with the retaining element of the container so as to substantially prevent relative rotation between the jig and container.

13. A sealing apparatus as in claim 12, further comprising a piston connected to the at least one of the fixture and pressing structure so as to provide the relative vertical movement thereof.

14. A sealing apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the jig is in the form of a generally flat plate.

15. A sealing apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the jig includes a generally annular side wall extending upwardly from the support portion of the jig.

16. A sealing apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the support portion of the jig includes a support surface configured to abut a bottom portion of the container, thereby vertically supporting the container.

17. A sealing apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a generally downwardly extending recess formed within the support portion of the jig.

18. A sealing apparatus as in claim 17, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a plurality of generally downwardly extending recesses formed within the support portion.

19. A sealing apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a generally upwardly extending protrusion formed on the support portion of the jig.

20. A sealing apparatus as in claim 19, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a plurality of generally upwardly extending protrusions formed on the support portion of the jig.

21. A sealing apparatus as in claim 12, wherein the at least one retaining portion includes a textured surface formed on the support portion of the jig.

22. A sealing apparatus as in claim 21, wherein the textured surface is formed on the support surface.

*pub up* 23. A container made using a sealing apparatus according to claim 12.

24. A method of manufacturing a container comprising:

*mk* forming a container body having a retaining element;

providing a jig having a support portion configured to support the container body thereon and having a retaining portion configured to non-rotationally lock with the retaining element;

positioning the container body relative to the jig so as to effect the non-rotational lock between the retaining element and retaining portion;

positioning a lid on an open end portion of the container body; and

attaching the lid to the container body by forming a seam between a periphery of the lid and the open end portion of the container body.

*pub up* 25. A container made using a method according to claim 24.